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Identical letters dated 20 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 1 to 15 August 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 20 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 1 to 15 August 2009

Air violations

On 1 August 2009, between 1010 and 2225 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and heading north. It circled over the South and Riyaq before leaving over Naqurah.

On 2 August 2009:

- At 0735 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1540 hours;
- At 2045 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes circled over the Lebanese-Palestinian border and released decoy flares over Lebanese territorial waters, some 200 metres north of the line of buoys;
- At 0725 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 0235 hours on 3 August 2009.

On 3 August 2009:

- Between 1048 and 1210 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 0710 and 1525 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 4 August 2009:

- Between 1150 and 1225 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Shikka. They proceeded south as far as Byblos (Jubayl), returned north as far as Batrun, then headed south before leaving over the sea off Naqurah;
- At 1425 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It proceeded north as far as Nabatiyah and circled over the South and the Bekaa before leaving over Naqurah at 0410 hours on 5 August 2009.

On 5 August 2009:

- Between 1015 and 1130 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the Shab'a Farms. They proceeded north as far as Tripoli and then circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;

– Between 1020 and 1150 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the Shab'a Farms. They proceeded north as far as Tripoli and then circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Naqurah.

On 6 August 2009, between 0937 and 2105 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the southern regions before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 8 August 2009, between 1810 and 2325 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Bekaa and Beirut before leaving over Naqurah.

On 9 August 2009, at 0810 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and the South before leaving over Naqurah at 0255 hours on 10 August 2009.

On 11 August 2009, between 0610 and 1115 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It proceeded north as far as Nabatiyah and then circled over the southern regions before leaving over Naqurah.

On 12 August 2009:

– Between 0710 and 2330 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving over Rumaysh;

– Between 1035 and 1115 hours, eight Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Naqurah;

– Between 1045 and 1215 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Juniyah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Rumaysh.

On 14 August 2009:

– Between 1018 and 1050 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and heading north. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;

– Between 1020 and 1125 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah and heading north. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over the sea;

– Between 1230 and 2300 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and heading north-east. It circled over the southern regions and Beirut before leaving over Naqurah.

On 15 August 2009, between 0755 and 2000 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the southern regions before leaving over Kafr Killa.

Sea violations

On 2 August 2009, at 2030 hours, the Israeli enemy army fired five flares over Lebanese territorial waters opposite Ra's al-Naqurah.

On 10 August 2009, at 2355 hours, in the open sea within occupied Palestinian territorial waters opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy gunboat directed a searchlight for three seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 9 August 2009:

- At 1925 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for three minutes towards the checkpoint at Tarbikha manned by troops of the Lebanese Army's Sixth Motorized Brigade;
- At 2220 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for 20 seconds towards Lebanese territory.

On 10 August 2009, beginning at 2055 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising one Humvee vehicle set out from Ghajar and headed into the interior. As it proceeded, the patrol constantly directed a strong searchlight towards the Lebanese Army's Maysat position and observation tower overlooking the Wazzani resort area, both of which are manned by the Twelfth Motorized Brigade. This exercise lasted until 2200 hours, whereupon the patrol withdrew to a position south of Abbasiyah.

On 11 August 2009, at 2035 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy repeatedly directed a searchlight towards the checkpoint and position of the Lebanese Army's Sixth Motorized Brigade that are located in Tarbikha.

On 12 August 2009, at 1945 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for five seconds towards the checkpoint and position of the Lebanese Army's Sixth Motorized Brigade that are located in Tarbikha. The enemy repeated the exercise for a period of 15 minutes at 2005 hours, targeting the same checkpoint.

On 13 August 2009:

- At 2003 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for 29 minutes towards the Tarbikha checkpoint of the Lebanese Army's Sixth Motorized Brigade. The enemy then twice directed a searchlight towards the Balat position, shining it for a period of five seconds each time;
- From 2045 hours to 2116 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight, while emitting sounds from a loudspeaker, for three seconds towards the Tarbikha checkpoint in Lebanese territory.

On 14 August 2009, at 2010 hours, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for 20 seconds towards the Tarbikha checkpoint in Lebanese territory.

On 15 August 2009, from its position in the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards the Tarbikha checkpoint in Lebanese territory, as follows: 10 seconds at 0110 hours; 10 seconds at 2105 hours; five seconds at 2108 hours; and one minute at 2323 hours.

Other Israeli field activities

On 4 August 2009, at 1020 hours, from their position inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army position at Mays al-Jabal, 30 Israeli enemy army troops were observed carrying out a reconnaissance mission using maps.